

most influence this factor. New industry prefers good access that provides easy mobility into and out of the industrial area. A project can stimulate economic development in the immediate area and in adjacent areas.

### Public Utilities

Utility service areas and existing utilities can be impacted by a thoroughfare plan. Some projects recommended will require relocation and disruption of utilities.

### Transportation Costs

Transportation costs are useful in comparing alternative road systems and different projects. Level of service, vehicle operating costs, user time costs, accident costs, VMT, and VHT are measures include in transportation costs. (See Chapter 6 - Cost Estimates).

### Capital Costs

Capital costs are also useful in comparing alternative road systems. They usually include construction costs and right-of-way costs as separate elements. (See Table 9)

### Operation and Maintenance Costs

These are also used in comparing road systems. Costs associated with obsolete bridges, traffic control devices and systems, and roadways are examples of operation and maintenance costs.